

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM 21**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.7**

**Topic: Prime Minister's Future Overseas Travel**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: What I am asking, Chair, is what trips are being planned or organised by this department – planning might not necessarily be involved, but the actual organisation, the payment, bookings and all those sorts of things are undertaken by the department. I am asking about that. There is an expenditure of public money involved. I am not asking about it into the wild blue yonder; I am asking about it before the end of this financial year. It seems to me to be core business of this estimates committee. I would like to know what trips are being planned. I have specifically asked if the Prime Minister is proposing to go to Europe, and I would like to ask when. And I have specifically asked whether there is any suggestion he might attend a World Cup soccer match.**

**Answer: It would not be appropriate to discuss details of possible overseas travel by the Prime Minister before any official announcements are made.**